--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Montreal Division "M 64" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

--- 1/4th pound - lithographed in blue ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed *J. L. Vincent* / **Col. Inland Rev.---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

John McKay records that 229,320 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). This is his only mention of the *lithographed* blue 1/4th pound Customs strip. He has probably included some lithographed 1/4th pound blue strips from the "Series of 1883".

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) - 229,320 - some of these may be from "Series of 1883"

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/4th pound blue 1880-81 Canada Customs strips - as collected to date

RP-345 - 1/4th pound, Division Open - A 64	**083969**
RP-368 - 1/4th pound, Montreal Division - M 64	**048747**
RP-389 - 1/4th pound, Toronto Division - C 64	none
	132,716

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, blue, Montreal Division "M 64" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-368 - 1/4th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division - M 64, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RP-369 - 1/4th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Montreal Division - M 64, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

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RP-368n - 1/4th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 64"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/4th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Montreal Division **"M 64"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-369 - 1/4th pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-369 - 1/4th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Montreal Division "**M 64"**, control number **048747**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - manuscript Entry No. *900*, stamped **3 '85** in August 1885

048747★	08/85	RP-369	1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh, Entry No. *900*, stamped **3 '85**

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